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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: GSP-REVERSE PREFERENCES-SENEGAL

REF A STATE 40078, B STATE 46454

1. AMBASSADOR MET WITH SENEGALESE MINISTER OF STATE FOR
FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS BABACAR BA ON MARCH 4 TO
DISCUSS QUESTION OF SENEGALESE TARIFF STRUCTURE. AMBASSADOR
REVIEWED QUESTION OF PREFERENCES, CAREFULLY MAKING ALL
POINTS SUGGESTED IN REFTELS, AND URGING ABOLITION OF
REVERSE PREFERENCES.

2. MINISTER RESPONDED BY SAYING HE NOTED AND APPRECIATED
U.S. POSITION AND HE WOULD STUDY FULLY ALL ASPECTS OF
QUESTION WITH A VIEW TO FINDING SOLUTION WHICH MET
SENEGALSES AND US REQUIREMENTS. IN LIGHT OF INABILITY
OF US TO SIGN BILATERAL AGREEMENT, GOS WOULD SEEK SOME
OTHER SOLUTION TO AVOID DISCRIMINATION AGAINST US PRODUCTS
VS THOSE FROM EUROPEAN COMMUNITY. HE DID NOT OFFER ANY
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DETAILS ON CONTENT OR TIMING OF ALTERNATIVE SOLUTION, AND
ONLY NODDED WHEN OPTIONS SUGGESTED PARA TWO REF (B) WERE
DESCRIBED TO HIM.

3. BA ADDED THAT NEW GOS TARIFF MEASURE HAD BEEN STUDIED
WITHIN THE CABINET, WAS CURRENTLY BEING REVIEWED BY
SPUREME COURT AND WOULD BE SENT TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR REVIEW BEFORE END OF MARCH. HE DID NOT FEEL IT WAS
IN CONFLICT WITH GATT.

4. REGARDING TRAVEL, BA SAID HE WOULD ACCOMPANY PRESIDNET
SENGHOR TO CAIRO AFRO-ARAB SUMMIT MARCH 7 TO 9, AND
ENVISIONED TRIP TO U.S. IN CONTEXT OF THIRD WORLD MEETING
AT UN ON NORTH SOUTH DIALOGUE AT UNSPECIFIED DATE, PROBABLY
IN APRIL.

5. NEW CUSTOMS TARIFF WILL BE PUBLISHED SUBSEQUENT TO
APPROVAL BY NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. DRAFT MEASURE IS PROBABLY
NOT YET IN FINAL FORM, AND WE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO IT,
SO QUESTIONS POSED PARA FIVE REF (A) CANNOT BE ANSWERED
WITH PRECISION. OUR PRELIMINARY ESTIMATE IS THAT US SHARE
OF SENEGALESE IMPORTS WILL CONTINUE AT BETWEEN FIVE AND
EIGHT PERCENT, AS THEY HAVE FOR MANY YEARS. WHEN TEXT OF
LAW IS AVAILABLE, EMBASSY WILL POUCH WITH ANALYSIS.
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